

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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We are a welcoming and dynamic community of Christian disciples. Rooted in the Franciscan experience of the Roman Catholic tradition, we proactively endeavor to extend hospitality both at the Eucharistic Table and as we minister reciprocally and in solidarity among the alienated and the poor, nurturing the mind, body, and spirit in the Greater Hartford Community. All are welcome!



Celebration of the Eucharist

Masks are optional at all Masses

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream

11:45 AM Public 5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



We invite you to celebrate the joy in the Resurrection of Christ by remembering or honoring family members and friends with

an Easter flower donation. Deadline: Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Give online by going to https://bit.ly/3TD18tM or mail a check to the office.

Please indicate loved one's name(s) below, online in the notes or on a separate piece of paper with your check.



Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Apr 14: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, Apr 15: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 **Wednesday, Apr 16:** Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, Apr 17: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13,

15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;

Jn 13:1-15

Friday, Apr 18: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,

15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1—19:42

Sunday, Apr 20: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,

22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8:

Jn 20:1-9

Go to *http://www.usccb.org/* for readings online.

The Pastor's Corner

April 13, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Welcome to Holy Week and the focal point of our liturgical year! This is a moment when our hearts and minds join together to commemorate the events that brought Jesus to his "hour," as the Gospel of John reminds us. His "hour" was the culmination of his public ministry of teaching and healing that reached its zenith at Calvary when he gave his all — his very life — to redeem us.

We begin with today's celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This title reflects the two distinct aspects of the day's liturgy: his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem astride a colt (or donkey) while the crowds cheered him with shouts of Hosanna!, followed by the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of Luke.

The story of the Passion of Jesus Christ is certainly a timeless one because, no matter how many times we've heard it, there is always something new or something contemporary about it. The cast of characters, while they remain the same from year to year, seem to represent for us the best and the worst in human nature. On the one hand we see the best in our nature, represented by the women of Jerusalem who mourn for Jesus; or the criminal who confessed his guilt, yet pleaded for mercy; or the Roman centurion who professed Jesus's innocence; or Joseph Arimathea who gave Jesus his burial plot.

There are, on the other hand, those who represent the worst in human nature. Judas, Pontius Pilate, King Herod and all the others who were so easily swayed into thinking they had all the answers and thought they had Jesus figured out as an impostor and a blaspheming, seditious revolutionary to boot.

While some of the characters who populate the Passion narratives come across as charitable, humble or even heroic, there are just as many whom we would consider to be cowards and grifters. As we look around our world today, we recognize those who also embody the best and the worst in human nature, and that suffering is often a result of the sins of greed and envy. Would that we could learn from our past mistakes.

On Tuesday I will participate in the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral when Archbishop Coyne will bless the new Oil of the



Sick and Oil of Catechumens, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism which is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. These oils will be presented to the parish at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday which begins the Sacred Triduum.

The Liturgy of Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper in which Jesus gave his disciples a lasting memorial of his sacrifice on the cross by taking ordinary bread and wine and transforming them as his Body and Blood to be shared among his followers. As Catholics we believe that the bread and wine truly become his Body and Blood, thus giving us a share in his divine life on earth as we await the final feast in the kingdom of heaven.

On Good Friday we will commemorate the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00 PM. This solemn and stark liturgy is beautifully enhanced by the chanting of the Passion according to John by our choir. As we have done in the past few years, some of our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will carry the cross in procession.

On Holy Saturday at the Great Vigil of Easter, we will bless and light the Paschal Candle, listen to Scripture readings that recall the history of salvation, and celebrate the final Rites of Initiation of three of our members (Angel Cintron, Angela Hornung and Trung Nguyen) with Baptism, Confirmation and first Eucharist, as well as the reception of Joanne Linn into the Catholic Church. This year we will be joined by Br. Kevin McGoff, O.F.M., who will direct our choir for the Easter Vigil.

May your Holy Week be a time of deep intimacy with the Lord who showed us the ultimate meaning of service and self-emptying love for all people. May you know, too, the joy of new life as we celebrate his resurrected presence among us!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, ofm Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor



Adult Faith Formation

For full program descriptions and more information on other programs, please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF. Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesdays. Next meeting: April 15, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. All are welcome! Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Tues-Spirit-Grp to register and receive the Zoom Link.

In-person Meetings at the Franciscan Center: Every Wednesday. Next meeting: April 16, 2025, at 12:40 PM.

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: April 16, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-In-Quiet-Prayer to register.

People of Hope:"The Flowing Grace of Now" Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Zoom. Next meeting: April 16, 2025.

Attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth. Join us: https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-POH-Fall24 to receive Zoom link. Free Will Offering

Divine Reading: Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm at the Franciscan Center. Join us!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

It's called a prayer shawl because it came from the prayers of the shawl maker holding the person receiving the shawl in her or his prayers. .

The Next Prayer Shawl Meeting: April 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. For more information, contact Janet Bristow at <u>janetbristow@sbcglobal.net</u>

Letters from Prison: Continuing the Conversation

This Clare Gallery exhibit includes new letters from this year's call for entries — highlighting "Mystery, Mysticism, and Meaning" —along with curated letters from the two prior exhibits in 1995 and 2005.

The combination of letters will continue the conversation of self-examination and self-esteem, once again bringing the talent and creativity of the prison population to the community at large.

Virtual Panel discussion, Monday, April 28, 7:00 to 8:30 PM: Jeffrey Greene, CPA Prison Arts Program Manager, will share insight into his 34+ years working with Prison Arts in various capacities. Panelist and alumni artist, Danny Killion, will share his creative journey — from prison to owner and operator of Weather Wood, a Troy, NY furniture and art store that has specialized in reclaimed wood pieces since 2013. The discussion will be moderated by Nancy Wynn.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Clare-Ltrs-2025 or scan the QR Code.

Artist's Reception will be held on Sunday, Sunday, May 4, 3-5 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Our Own Nazareth Time

Mondays, April 21, May 5 & 19, June 2from 12:45-1:45 PM. The City is My Monastery, A Contemporary Rule of Life, by Richard Carter is an unusual book; more like a guide to life that might become your life-time companion for prayer, peace and well-being. It gives us a practical "rule of life". Please purchase a book if needed.

Please attend as your schedule allows! Follow along and then join us for an in-person experience of spiritual practices which will inspire far beyond the end of the Easter Season.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Naz-Time to register.

Offertory 03/30/2025

Total Offertory: \$19,047.88 Weekly Online: \$8,753.73 Weekly Offering: \$10,294.15

Offertory 04/06/2025

Total Offertory: \$20,238.73
Weekly Online: \$10,385.73
Weekly Offering: \$9,853.00

Palm Sunday Food Drive

Drop off is this weekend at the Franciscan Center after all Masses. Help support and feed the families served by the House of Bread and Hands on Hartford. The food collected will be shared with families so they can have food in their cupboards during Holy Week and on Easter.

Some of the items needed: Peanut Butter, Rice, Jelly, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Cereal, Granola Bars, Ground Coffee, Sugar and 2 Canned Vegetables. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PS-FD-2025 for a complete grocery list and other information about our Food Drive.

Creation Care Corner

April 2025

2025.

Welcome to the Creation Care Corner! Did You KnowThat frogs are important care of creation communicators?The Natural History

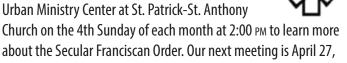


We can also learn why some frogs are endangered. https://kids.earth.org/climate-change/why-are-frogs-endangered/
But the best part is listening to frogs! https://musicofnature.com/calls-of-frogs-and-toads-of-the-northeast/

Here is how we can invite frogs to our backyards this spring. https://www.gardeningchannel.com/attract-frogs-toads-garden/

Secular Franciscan Order

Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Urban Ministry Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony



After all the Masses the weekend of May 3-4, 2025 the Secular Franciscans will be distributing small packets of flower seed to members of your parish to celebrate Earth Day. St. Francis wanted everyone to care for creation and one way is to grow beautiful flowers. Please accept this gift from the Secular Franciscans and assist your children with this mission.

Job Opening:

Director of Music Ministry, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (spsact.org)



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish is a dynamic and growing community in the Archdiocese of Hartford, served by the Franciscan Friars (O.F.M.), and is known for its outstanding music program. Candidates must be able to incorporate a broad range of choral repertoire, directing three choirs, overseeing cantors, section leaders, an organ

scholar, and the maintenance of the church's two pipe organs. This is a full-time position with health benefits and includes five weekend Masses, three choir rehearsals, and weekly staff meetings. Funerals and weddings provide additional compensation.

Desired background includes a Master's degree in music and/or equivalent experience, strong organ/piano skills, choral conducting expertise, and experience with Roman Catholic liturgy. The salary is negotiable - depending on skills and experience.

Application deadline: April 30, 2025; starting date is August 2025 or earlier.

For a full job description and application instructions, visit https://bit.ly/spsa-dmm-job.

Encountering the Empty Tomb: Challenges for a Global Church



During this Easter season, you are invited to conversation and faith-sharing with other members of the Church - the people of God.

Together we will take in current comments about the challenges for a global community of faith. Our life as Christians is not to mourn at the empty tomb and search for Jesus in the world of the past. Our challenge is to discover the vibrant Jesus in unexpected and previously unnoticed new forms. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Empty-Tomb to register.

We will gather on Zoom for multiple sessions: Thursdays, May 1, 8 & 15 from 10:30-11:30 AM.

Join us when your schedule allows. Facilitator: Fr. A Francis Soucy, OFM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



is a faith formation program where children experience God in a tangible way - through working with their hands using materials made just for them, they are able to nurture their relationship with God from the youngest age of 3. They are given freedom of movement throughout the "atrium" (our prepared environment created just for children), and they are invited to choose to work with materials they have been presented.

Children receive presentations from adults who have been prepared through a Formation Course, which teaches theology, child development, and the pedagogical knowledge to work with children effectively.

CGS Formation Training is known to be a transformational experience on many levels for those who have participated in a course. The setting is retreat-like, and participants have remarked that the course nourished their faith, improved their parenting, and changed their lives in countless ways. Working in the atrium is NOT required!

We are offering a **CGS Level 1 Formation Course June 2-5**, and one **Saturday, November 15** with the second half of the course one Saturday in the winter and one week (TBD) in the summer of 2026. We invite you to consider giving yourself this week to nurture your faith.

Please contact Sarah Christopher (schristopher@spsact.org) or Deb Pelletier (dpelletier@spsact.org) to hear about parishioner pricing.

Please go to https://spsact.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd-formation/to learn more about CGS Formation Courses.

To register for the Level 1 CGS Formation Course 2025, please go to https://spsact.org/cgs-level-1-formation-2025/



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00 PM Dimitrio Andrade

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00 AM Terry O'Leary

10:00 AM Jack Langton, 3rd Anniversary

11:45 AM Anne Marie Ellis 5:00 PM Manuel Almagro

Monday, April 14, 2025

7:30 AM Giovanni Rondinone 12:05 PM Monaco & Masciulli

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:30 AM Barbara Derwicki, 4th Anniversary 12:05 PM Jeremiah Dowd, 27th Anniversary

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

7:30 AM For the people of Lebanon & Palestine

12:05 PM Elizabeth Lofreddo Burns

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

3:00 PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

8:00 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
11:45 AM For Our Parishioners
5:00 PM For Our Parishioners



Sanctuary Lamp

Week of April 13, 2025
Prayers for Healing & Recovery for
Debbie Randzio

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Bobby Lombardo, Rosemarie Perkoski, Patricia Dressler, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.

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We are here to serve you...

The programs and ministries listed below are just a sampling of our many offerings. Please go to www.spsact.org or call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

Baptism: Baptism of infants and young children may be celebrated during Sunday Mass and Group Baptisms on the 1st Saturday of each month outside of the season of Lent.

Patricia Curtis, Pastoral Associate; 860-756-4034, EXT. 113.

Matrimony: The Sacrament of Marriage at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church are celebrated Friday and Saturdays. The Bride or Groom should contact *Carolyn Abramo, Wedding Manager; 860-756-4034, EXT. 111 or https://spsact.org/wedding-request-form/* to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance and before any other arrangements are made for a reception.

Pastoral Care Outreach Minstry: We offer holistic care in collaboration with the parish staff (friars, ministry coordinators, and parish nurses). Members of this team are responsible for visiting parishioners at home or in long term and short term care facilities. *Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M.;* 860-756-4034, EXT. 129.

Prayer Network: The St. Patrick—St. Anthony Prayer Network consists of approximately fifty parishioners who commit themselves to praying daily for those in need. https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/ or Parish Office; 860-756-4034.

Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry: This ministry consists of two Groups: **Open Hearts** holds monthly fellowship meetings, and **Friends and Family (LGBTQ+) Support Ministry**, which supports members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. *For information on Open Hearts:*

https://spsact.org/contact-open-hearts-ministry/
For information on Friends and Family contact:
https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-friends-family-ministry/

Volunteering and Outreach Ministry Information:

St. Patrick-St. Anthony invites individuals to give freely of their time and expertise in order to make a difference. Our volunteers participate in liturgical ministries as well as other forms of service to the church, the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry and the community at large. *Allison Holst-Grubbe, Director of Community Engagement;* aholstgrubbe@spsact.org; 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$41,596.00 for the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs in the Archdiocese. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2025 Appeal literature! Organizations such as our own St. Anthony's Bread for the Poor and the House of Bread. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and Trust in the Lord, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements. To donate please go to https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/ or scan the QR Code.





Branches on the Vine

APRIL 12 - 18, 2025

PHOTO BY BOB FALCETTI Father Michael Ruminski, director of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Hartford, discusses the current "Jubilee Year of Hope" during a Theology on Tap event hosted by St. Bridget of Sweden Parish at a local restaurant in Cheshire.

The "2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope," declared by Pope Francis, is a rare opportunity for special graces. Father Michael Ruminski, the archdiocese's director of Divine Worship, attempted to demystify the "Jubilee of Hope" during a recent Theology on Tap event hosted by St. Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire.

He answered three basic questions: What is a jubilee? What is the Jubilee of Hope? And how can we celebrate it well?

According to Father Ruminski, the term "jubilee" can be traced back to the Latin term meaning "to sound a trumpet." Its roots go back to Mosaic law in the Old Testament, when it was a special year of rest and forgiveness every 50 years.

In Old Testament times, the jubilee involved the forgiveness of debts, the release of indentured servants and the return of ancestral inheritance. "It was supposed to be a kind of resetting of societal obligations in which you begin again," Father Ruminski explains.

The jubilee was introduced into Catholic Church life by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE BECKONS ALL CATHOLICS

- Story by Shelley Wolf

By 1500, jubilees were celebrated every 25 years. The Christian jubilee put greater emphasis on spiritual reconciliation: freedom from sin, forgiveness, and peace. Pilgrimages and plenary indulgences were added.

The current Jubilee of Hope designated by Pope Francis is focused on the virtue of hope and its importance in the modern world.

Pope Francis has identified people in need of prayers or visits, Father Ruminski notes, because they have lost hope: young families afraid to bring children into the world, young people fixated on drugs or technology, the forgotten elderly and the sick, migrants and refugees fleeing dangerous places, and forgotten prisoners.

Hope is essential, Father Ruminski says, in facing the challenges of the world and in proclaiming the message of Christ. "Hope is the virtue given to us by God to direct our expectations for the future," he says. "Without hope, we have no ability to face the future with confidence."

Instead of ruminating on our challenges, he suggests we "look at the world with the supernatural eyes of faith."

"As St. Paul says, 'hope does not disappoint," Father Ruminski reminds us. Rather than let the

problems of the moment "dominate us," we should "proclaim something of power to the world around us."

"It's the light of Christ, through his victory on the cross, that should direct the way we interact with each other," he explains, "for us to be able to live right, to be able to forgive well and to be able to proclaim Christ crucified and risen. And so we have to have hope in order to do that."

Other practical steps for celebrating the Jubilee of Hope include making pilgrimages to one or more designated cathedrals or basilicas: St. Peter's Basilica and the major basilicas in Rome or, closer to home, the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury.

While there, pilgrims are encouraged to engage in the sacraments and acts of prayer: attend a Mass, go to confession, pray in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or pray the rosary or the stations of the cross.

Conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence include confession, praying for the pope's intentions, receiving Holy Communion and being detached from sin.

Upcoming Events



"Passion Play."

04/12 - 18 HOLY WEEK ST. LUKE PASSION PLAY St. Luke Catholic School, 133 Bristol St, Southington

We are a community of people from various places, walks of life, and expressions of Christian faith who gather under the auspices of Saint Luke Parish to reenact the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the

2025 Passion Play tickets are available at: Stlukepassionplay2025.eventbrite.com
For questions or ticket orders over 10 tickets, email: Email: passionplay@stlukect.org
908-902-8404

Tickets are available for five performances:

Saturday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m. (earlier time is good for children) Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.



04/23 WEDNESDAY 10AM DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AND ST. FAUSTINA PRESENTATION

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, 194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Mrs. Meg Bailey will give a Talk and Power Point Presentation on the Divine Mercy Devotion and St. Faustina. A Free Will Offering is asked. To register go online atwww.sacredheartonthelake.org



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04/27 SUNDAY 3PM DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Corpus Christi Church, 601 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield

Christ the King Parish is sponsoring a prayer service at 3:00 PM at the Corpus Christi Church campus, 601 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield. The service will include recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, veneration of the relic of St. Faustina, and Benediction. All are welcome. No registration is required.

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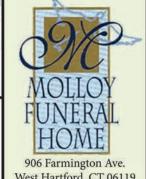




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